

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend page 1, first paragraph, as follows:

This application is a U.S. National Phase application of PCT/US2003/027739 filed September 5, 2003, and this application is related to the following commonly assigned U.S. Patent Applications: U.S. Patent Application No. _____ 60/500,507 (attorney docket no. 1725.173US01), filed on September 5, 2003, entitled "System and Method for Detection of Specific On-Air Data Rate," U.S. Patent Application No. _____ 60/500,515 (attorney docket no. 1725.162US01), filed September 5, 2003, entitled "System and Method for Mobile Demand Reset," U.S. Patent Application No. _____ 60/500,504 (attorney docket no. 1725.160US01), filed September 5, 2003, entitled "System and Method for Optimizing Contiguous Channel Operation with Cellular Reuse," U.S. Patent Application No. _____ 60/500,479 (attorney docket no. 1725.156US01), filed September 5, 2003, entitled "Synchronous Data Recovery System," U.S. Patent Application No. _____ 60/500,550 (attorney docket no. 1725.161US01), filed September 5, 2003, entitled "Data Communication Protocol in an Automatic Meter Reading System," U.S. Patent Application No. _____ (attorney docket no. 1725.167US01), filed September 5, 2003, entitled "Response Optimization for Mobile and Fixed Network Operations," and U.S. Patent Application No. _____ 10/655,760 (attorney docket no. 10145-8011.US00), filed on September 5, 2003, entitled "Synchronizing and Controlling Software Downloads, such as for Components of a Utility Meter-Reading System," all of which are herein incorporated by reference.